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In re Application of WHITE et al :
U.S. Application No.: 10/518,188 :
PCT Application No.: PCT/US03/19290 :
Int. Filing Date: 19 June 2003 : DECISION
Priority Date Claimed: 19 June 2002 :
Attorney Docket No.: 062020-1800 :
For: ADSORBENTS, METHODS OF :
PREPARATION, AND METHODS OF USE :
THEREOF :
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This is in response to applicant's "Renewed Petition Under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a)" filed 08 February 2006.

BACKGROUND

On 19 June 2003, applicant filed international application PCT/US03/19290, which claimed priority of an earlier United States application filed 19 June 2002. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired on 19 December 2004.

On 16 December 2004, applicant filed national stage papers in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US). The submission was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1).

On 03 August 2005, the DO/EO/US mailed a Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/905), which indicated that an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497 must be filed.

On 18 January 2006, applicant filed a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

On 27 January 2006, this Office mailed a decision dismissing the 18 January 2006 petition.

On 08 February 2006, applicant filed the present renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a).

DISCUSSION

A petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) must be accompanied by: (1) an oath or declaration by each applicant on his or her own behalf and on behalf of the nonsigning joint inventors, (2) factual proof that the missing joint inventors refuse to join in the application or cannot be reached after diligent effort, (3) the fee set forth in §1.17(i), and (4) the last known addresses of the nonsigning joint inventors.

Applicant has previously satisfied items (1), (2), and (3) above.

With regard to item (4) above, the renewed petition states the last known address of the nonsigning inventor.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is GRANTED.

The application has an International Filing Date under 35 U.S.C. 363 of 19 June 2003, and a date under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) of 18 January 2006.

As set forth in 37 CFR 1.47(a), a notice of the filing of this application will be forwarded to the nonsigning inventor at the last known address of record and will be published in the *Official Gazette*.

This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for further processing in accordance with this decision.



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Dear Robert L. Chiang:

You are named as a joint inventor in the above-captioned United States national stage application, filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.47(a) and 35 U.S.C. 116. Should a patent be granted, you will be designated as an inventor.

As a named inventor, you are entitled to inspect any paper in the file wrapper of the application, order copies of all or any part thereof (at a prepaid cost set forth in 37 CFR 1.19) or to make your position of record in the application. Alternatively, you may arrange to do any of the preceding through a registered patent agent or attorney presenting written authorization from you. If you choose to join in the application, counsel of record (see below) would presumably assist you. Joining in the application would entail the filing of an appropriate oath or declaration by you pursuant to 37 CFR 1.63.

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